

VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICES RECEIVED DURING MAY 2007

Girardin is recalling 50 MY 2006 G5 and MB II school and commercial buses. The defect involves the interlock switch system in the lift not detecting the presence of a passenger (either wheelchair or standee) on the Ricon wheelchair platform lift, which does not conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Systems for Motor Vehicles." In the event this condition occurs during passenger operations it may be possible for the wheelchair to tip backwards onto the platform when the platform was lowered. This could result in injury to the wheelchair's occupant. Also, anyone standing on the platform could lose his or her balance and fall, resulting in injury. Girardin is working with Ricon to repair the buses (please see 06E101). The recall began on May 18, 2007. 07V-189

GM is recalling 1,896 MY 2007 Chevrolet 7500, 8500, Kodiak, T-Series, GMC Topkick, T-Series, Isuzu F-Series and H-Series medium duty conventional and tilt cab trucks equipped with 7.8L diesel engines and air brakes. The air compressor may not build enough air pressure to support the air brake system. If this condition were to occur while the vehicle was stationary (brakes applied) the air brakes would remain applied and prevent the vehicle from moving. If this condition were to occur while the vehicle was in motion, the dual system air pressure gauges would register the drop in pressure. If the pressure continued to drop, the low air pressure warning buzzer and warning lamp would activate as designed, warning the driver to move the vehicle to a safe location. If the driver ignores these warnings and continues to drive the vehicle, and if there was a continued loss of pressure, the rear spring parking brakes would automatically apply, preventing the truck from being driven. Dealers will replace the air compressor head. The recall began on May 23, 2007. 07V-190

Motor Coach is recalling 163 MY 1999-2003 F3500 transit buses. Where the steering arm idler bracket mounting is attached to the underside of the frame, the frame structure can crack and the idler plate can separate. This could lead to loss of steering control and a crash without warning. MCI will add reinforcement gussets in order to reduce the stress where cracking can occur, and will repair the existing components in the affected units as necessary. The recall began on May 15, 2007. 07V-191

DaimlerChrysler is recalling 270,958 MY 2005 Town and Country and Dodge Caravan minivans originally sold in or currently registered in the 27 states plus the District of Columbia that use greater amounts of salt for winter road deicing. The up-front (UF) air bag sensors that contain brass bushings installed in these vehicles may corrode and crack allowing water to enter the sensor. These sensors provide enhanced air bag performance in certain types of frontal crashes. In one of these crashes, with one or both of the vehicle's UF sensors inoperative, the occupants will not benefit from the enhanced air bag protection that these sensors would provide. For vehicles registered in the recall states, dealers will replace the original UF air bag sensors with ones with greater corrosion resistance. Vehicles registered in other states will obtain a lifetime free replacement of any UF sensor that fails. The campaign is expected to begin during July 2007. DaimlerChrysler has not decided that this is a defect related to motor vehicle safety. However, it has informed NHTSA that it will provide the modifications described

above. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE06-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 07V-192

Setra is recalling 482 MY 2003-2007 S417 motor coaches. The electrical wire preparation for the control of the solar roof hatches was not carried out properly. This wiring may contain open energized wire ends located in the harness. If the open wire ends come into contact with parts of the frame, it may be possible for a short circuit to occur and then a subsequent fire. Dealers will send out technicians to disconnect the power to the wires and reroute the wires properly. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-193

Girardin is recalling 10 MY 2006-2007 MB IV G5 school buses with 45 inch seats equipped with Type 2 seat belts for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages." The seats were installed with only one leg, but there should be two in order to meet the standard requirements. In the event of a crash, the seat would not be able to withstand the forces incurred, possibly resulting in serious injury to the seat occupant(s). Girardin will notify owners and repair the buses. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-194

Paccar is recalling 111 MY 2008 Kenworth T660 trucks built with Cummins C15 or ISX engines and equipped with Horton engine fans. Durability testing revealed micro cracks in the fan blades. The possibility exists that these micro cracks could develop into larger cracks which could cause the fan to break apart while turning resulting in equipment damage or physical injury. Dealers will replace the fan blade assemblies. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-195

DaimlerChrysler is recalling 410 MY 2007 Dodge Caliber, Jeep Compass and Patriot passenger vehicles equipped with rear disc brakes for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 135, "Light Vehicle Brake Systems." The length of the rear wheel hub mounting bolts may prevent actuation of the park brake. This could allow unintended movement of the vehicle under certain conditions and cause a crash without warning. Dealers will replace the rear wheel hub mounting bolts and repair the park brake. The recall began on May 8, 2007. 07V-196

Hyundai de Puerto Rico is recalling 2,967 MY 2005-2007 Tucson vehicles. Static air bag deployment testing conducted by NHTSA using fifth percentile female dummies indicated that a small stature adult driver not wearing a seat belt and involved in a frontal or near frontal crash, the deployment of the driver air bag may result in an insufficient margin of compliance as measured by the test dummy used in the NHTSA test. This can cause increased risk of injury to the driver under certain crash conditions. Dealers will replace the driver air bag module with one that is designed to provide an increased margin of compliance for low risk deployment for small stature adults who are not properly wearing the seat belts. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007, and will be performed in two mailings. This recall was the subject of an investigation, PE-208-060915, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance. 07V-197

Setra is recalling 507 MY 2003-2007 S417 motor coaches. The electrical wiring harness located behind the rear toilet was not properly installed. As a result, rubbing can occur on the outside wire insulation causing the insulation to wear away and eventually cause subsequent arcing. This could lead to a short circuit and possibly a subsequent fire. Dealers will check the wiring harness routing and will change the damaged wires. In addition the wiring harness will be relocated in such a way as to prevent rubbing. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-198

Jaguar is recalling 277 MY 2007-2008 XRK passenger vehicles. The brake servo vacuum supply hose may have been mis-routed during assembly. This condition may bring the pipe too close to the exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) valve and attachments on the exhaust manifold. In the case of a contact condition, the brake vacuum hose may melt leading to a loss of brake assistance increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect the brake vacuum hose routing and adjust as necessary. The hose will be replaced if there are signs of damage. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-199

Coachmen is recalling 230 MY 2007-2008 Adrenaline Lite travel trailers for failing to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification," and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." The information provided on the certification and tire information labels denoting the tire pressure is incorrect. Should the tires be inflated to the incorrect pressure, it is possible that the tires could be overloaded and fail, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will install the correct certification and tire information labels and set the tire pressure to the required 65 PSI. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-200

Pilgrim is recalling 1,000 MY 2003-2004 Open Road recreational vehicles equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. These refrigerators may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Pilgrim will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist owners in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-201

Skyline is recalling 38 MY 2007 Nomad Trailrider, Layton Rampage, and Aljo Freestyle toy hauler travel trailers. The wiring installed for an aftermarket generator is 14-gauge wire. The generator requires the use of 8-gauge wire. Using the generator could cause the wire to smolder, burn or the circuit breaker to trip increasing the risk of a fire. Dealers will replace the 14-gauge wire with 8-gauge wire. Skyline is recommending that owners do not use the generator until this wire has been replaced. The recall began on May 2, 2007. 07V-202

Winnebago is recalling 68 MY 2007 Sightseer, Vista, Voyage, Itasca Sunova, Sunstar, and MY 2008 Itasca Sunrise (when built on a 2007 Ford chassis) motor homes. If the battery boost switch is engaged while the engine is operating, the engine may shut down. This could cause loss of driver control increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will install a diode wire assembly on the auxiliary start solenoid. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-203

Forest River is recalling 188 MY 2007 Salem LE and Wildwood LE fifth wheel and travel trailers equipped with Suburban three burner match light gas ranges. The oven thermostat control valve can allow gas flow to the oven burner when the oven control knob is pushed in and not fully in the correct position to light the pilot. If the oven control knob was depressed for some time before lighting the pilot light, the excess gas in the oven could cause a flash at the opening of the oven, possibly resulting in personal injury. Forest River is working with Suburban to replace the oven thermostat control. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-204

NABI is recalling 183 MY 2006-2007 40LFW and 60BRT transit buses equipped with Graham White air dryers. The air dryer timer modules may allow sufficient quantities of moisture to enter and affect the operation of the vehicle air brake system. Failure of the air brake system due to moisture could result in a crash. NABI, in conjunction with Graham White, will replace the air dryer timer module on the affected vehicles. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-205

NABI is recalling 85 MY 2006-2007 Optima Opus transit buses equipped with Graham White air dryers. The air dryer timer modules may allow sufficient quantities of moisture to enter and affect the operation of the vehicle's air brake system. Failure of the air brake system due to moisture could result in a crash. NABI, in conjunction with Graham White, will replace the air dryer timer module on the affected vehicles. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-206

Nissan Diesel is recalling 6,074 MY 2005-2007 UD1800, UD2000, UD2300, UD2600, and UD3300 trucks equipped with Bando belt tensioners. Corrosion or rust may develop on the tensioner spindle or bushing causing the auto tensioner to become stiff or bind. This can cause the drive belt to suddenly come off, or the auto tensioner mounting bolts could suddenly break. If the drive belt comes off, the alternator warning lamp will illuminate. If the warning is ignored, this condition could ultimately result in a loss of vehicle power (engine stall) increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the auto tensioner, install upgraded mounting bolts, and replace the accessory drive belt. The recall is expected to begin on or about July 16, 2007. Note: This recall will supersede Nissan Diesel's previous campaign (please see 06V159). 07V-207

Hino Motors is recalling 14,588 MY 2005-2006 ND8J, NE8J, NJ8J, and NV8J trucks equipped with Bando belt tensioners. Corrosion or rust may develop on the tensioner spindle or bushing causing the auto tensioner to become stiff or bind. This can cause the drive belt to suddenly come off, or the auto tensioner mounting bolts could suddenly break. If the drive belt comes off, the alternator warning lamp will illuminate. If the

warning is ignored, this condition could ultimately result in a loss of vehicle power (engine stall) increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the auto tensioner, install upgraded mounting bolts, and replace the accessory drive belt. The recall is expected to begin on or about June 15, 2007. Note: This recall supersedes Hino's previous campaign (please see 06V157). 07V-208

Hino Motors is recalling 61 MY 2008 NA6J, NB6J and NC6J trucks. Due to insufficient bracket stiffness and over tightening of the clip, the fuel pipe between the supply pump and the common rail may crack. The engine warning light will alert the driver of the problem. If the warning light is ignored by the driver, this could ultimately cause a fire and the engine to stall. Dealers will inspect the bracket and the clip and replace the necessary parts. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-209

Cheetah is recalling 1,012 MY 2006 Container Chassis and Remac Container Chassis semi-trailers. During manufacture, some of the pipe fittings were drilled too deep, resulting in a thin wall in the male pipe thread. The male pipe thread may break off during or after assembly. If the fitting fails while in use, the air brake system could depressurize, causing the brakes to engage suddenly, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. Cheetah is working with Brasscraft to replace the defective fitting (please see 06E082). The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-210

Mid Bus is recalling 1,403 MY 2003-2007 Guide and Guide XL school buses. The 39" and 45" left hand barriers fail to conform to the energy absorption requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection." The purpose of this standard is to reduce the number of deaths and the severity of injuries that result from the impact of school bus occupants against structures within the vehicle during crashes and sudden maneuvers. Mid Bus will notify owners and repair the buses. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-211

Freightliner is recalling 11,359 MY 2005-2008 Thomas Built Saf-T-Liner C2 school buses. The external warning lights may stop functioning unexpectedly if the front entrance door closes without the driver's input. Failure of the external warning lights to remain on during the loading or unloading process could possibly result in a student being struck by a passing motorist while boarding or exiting the bus. Freightliner will notify owners and repair the buses. The recall is expected to begin on or about July 16, 2007. 07V-212

Paccar is recalling 293 MY 2006-2008 Kenworth T300 trucks equipped with Cummins ISC or Paccar PX8 engines. The jumper wire between the grid heater relay to the fuse block has been routed in such a way that the potential exists for it to rub against the radiator support. The suspect wire is down stream of the fuse. This chaff point could cause the 250 amp charge wire to arc, potentially causing a fire. Dealers will inspect the routing of the jumper wire. If the wire is not routed correctly, it will be inspected for rubbing or chaffing and replaced if necessary. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-213

ProHauler is recalling 124 MY 2006-2007 flatbed trailers equipped with a 2 5/16" adjustable tongue coupler built by Atwood (Part No. 81906). The coupler can fail and break, causing the trailer to separate from the tow vehicle while being pulled on the open highway. Separation of the towed vehicle could lead to property damage, personal injury, or death. ProHauler will inspect and replace all defective tongue couplers. The recall began on April 19, 2007. 07V-214

Kawasaki is recalling 5,906 MY 2006 VN900B6F, VN900B6FL, VN900D6F, and VN900D6FL motorcycles. These motorcycles may stall under deceleration due to an improper setting of the engine control unit (ECU). This could create the potential for a crash, resulting in injury or death. Dealers will replace the ECU with one that contains revised settings that will address the engine stalling. The recall is expected to begin on or about July 3, 2007. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-004, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 07V-215

Kawasaki is recalling 4,352 MY 2003 VN1600-A1 and VN1600-A1L motorcycles. The fuel tank is mounted to the chassis by means of tabs that are spot welded to the tank, then braised/welded around a portion of their circumference. Under certain conditions, repeated stress can crack the tank at the location of the tabs, and allow fuel to leak. Dealers will replace the fuel tanks. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule for this campaign. This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE07-005, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 07V-216

Paccar is recalling 61 MY 2007-2008 Kenworth C500 trucks. The rear hood mounting brackets can contact the front axle brake chamber during full axle articulation. If contact occurs, two possible scenarios may result: (1) the front brake chamber may be damaged resulting in the loss of air or cause sudden full application of one of the brakes on the front axle; or (2) the front brake chamber may be damaged causing a reduction in braking capacity, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will inspect the brake chamber and surrounding components for any damage and modify the rear hood support bracket to eliminate the potential for interference. If any brake component is damaged, the dealer will be instructed to replace the component. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. 07V-217

Volvo is recalling 7,828 MY 2007 C70 passenger vehicles. An incorrect temporary assembly instruction resulted in an incorrect assembly of the left door handle Bowden cable attachment. This incorrect assembly may result in the left door not meeting certain legal requirements at a certain crash scenario. Dealers will adjust the left door Bowden cable by removing an existing cable tie and placing the Bowden cable in its designated position. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-218

Yamaha is recalling 8,900 MY 2006-2007 CP250 and MY 2005-2007 YP400 motorcycles. A leak at the fuel pump seal may allow fuel leakage. Fuel leakage, in the presence of an ignition source, could result in a fire. Dealers will replace the fuel pump seal. The recall is expected to begin on or about June 7, 2007. 07V-219

Alfa Leisure is recalling 5,625 MY 1997-2003 Gold, Ideal, Sun, See Ya, Toyhouse fifth wheel trailers equipped with a two-door refrigerator manufactured by the Dometic Corporation. These refrigerators may have a defect in the boiler tube. Pressurized coolant solution could be released into an area where an ignition source (gas flame) is present. Release of coolant under certain conditions could ignite and result in a fire. Alfa Leisure will be working with Dometic in order to repair these refrigerators (please see 06E076). Dometic will repair these refrigerators by installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse. Dometic has retained Stericycle Inc. to manage this campaign. Stericycle will assist owners in locating dealerships or service centers and will provide assistance with scheduling of appointments. 07V-220

Volvo is recalling 42,211 MY 2005 XC90 passenger vehicles. It has been determined that while doing battery maintenance, the jack's crank handle can be misplaced under a bracket which retains the battery. Misplacement of the jack's crank handle can pose a safety risk as it can result in a short circuit of the battery which could then lead to a fire. Dealers will inspect and ensure proper placement of the jack crank handle and a warning label with approved text will be affixed to the bracket which retains the battery. This warning label will inform an operator not to place the jack crank handle between the bracket and the battery. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA06-006, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation. 07V-221

U.S. Bus is recalling 89 MY 2006-2007 Sturdibus, Universe and Safe Tran school buses equipped with an InterMotive lift interlock device module. When the vehicle battery voltage drops to 7.5 volts, the module may go to a fault mode and not lock the shifter in park which fails to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 404, "Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles." The vehicle may be moved with the lift deployed and could result in injury or death to the lift occupant. U.S. Bus will notify owners and repair the buses. The recall is expected to begin during June 2007. 07V-223